

EXERCISE 37.

Let F be a field and let A be a finite dimensional F -algebra. Prove the following.

- (a) The algebraic closure \bar{F} of F is a splitting field for A .
- (b) There is a finite extension $F_1 | F$ such that F_1 is a splitting field for A .

EXERCISE 38.

Let A be a finite dimensional algebra over a commutative ring R . Let V be an A -module and $e \in A$ an idempotent. Prove that

$$\mathrm{Hom}_A(Ae, V) \cong eV$$

as $\mathrm{End}_A(V)$ -modules.

EXERCISE 39.

Let G be a finite group and let K be a field of characteristic 0 that is a splitting field for G . Let $X_1 : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(K)$ and $X_2 : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(K)$ be similar matrix representations of G for some $n \geq 1$. Prove that X_1 and X_2 afford the same character.

EXERCISE 40.

Let G be a finite group. Let $X : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ be a complex representation of G of degree $n \geq 1$ and let χ be the character afforded by X . Prove the following.

- (a) $\chi(1) = n$.
- (b) $\chi(g)$ is a sum of $o(g)$ -th roots of unity for all $g \in G$.
- (c) $|\chi(g)| \leq \chi(1)$ for all $g \in G$.
- (d) $\bar{\chi}$ is also a character of G , defined by $\bar{\chi}(g) = \chi(g^{-1})$ for all $g \in G$.
- (e) $\chi(g) = \chi(h^{-1}gh)$ for all $g, h \in G$, i.e. characters are class functions.